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NEWSBRIEFS

Socorro ISD revises plan

In light of recent statements made by El Paso City and County Health Authority Dr. Hector I. Ocaranza, the Socorro Independent School District has revised its phased reopening plan. Teachers will now have the flexibility to work from home or on campus through October 2, 2020. "The comments depicted a bleak projection, differing from the guidance we had received and followed when developing our previous plans. Understandably, this led to fear and hesitation within our community," said Superintendent Jose Espinoza, Ed.D. "Since day one we have been flexible and accommodated our employees to the best of our ability, while also balancing our overarching goal of serving our students and community through these trying times." As a reminder, remote (athome) learning will continue to be an option throughout the 2020-2021 school year for all families who have chosen remote instruction for their child. As with all COVID-19 plans, it is important to note that details may be subject to change pending the state of our local community health and new guidance issued by national, state, and local authorities as the district progresses through the school year. "As I've stated, unfortunately there are no simple, unilateral solutions that best serve all stakeholders," Espinoza added. "We appreciate the flexibility and understanding of our students, parents, and employees as we continue navigating through these uncharted waters while adapting and adjusting the best we can with the information we have at hand. The hardest thing is turning students away. However, at the end of each and every day, tough decisions will be made with the physical and emotional wellbeing of our students and staff as our top priority."

- Christy Flores-Jones

HEED Award

El Paso Community College (EPCC) received the 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. As a recipient of

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The measure of a truly great man is the courtesy with which he treats lesser men.

— Quips & Quotes



REFLECTIVE BUILDING - The vote was unanimous by the El Paso County Commissioners Court to name the county courthouse, above, in honor of Enrique Moreno, an El Paso lawyer who won numerous national, state, and local awards throughout his career including several for lawyer of the year.

Courthouse renamed for Enrique Moreno

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY - Although a date for a renaming ceremony has not been set, El Paso County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to name the county courthouse in honor of Enrique Moreno, a local lawyer who died in October 2019, at the age of 63. Moreno was well-known for his advocacy in civil rights and social justice issues for underserved communities.

"It is my honor and my pleasure to present this proposal and recommendation to rename the El Paso County Courthouse after Mr. Enrique Moreno," County Commissioner Carl Robinson, who placed the item on the agenda, said during a recent council meeting. "An outstanding individual, always a gentleman, very sincere and devoted to his community of El Paso and devoted to the welfare of mankind."

Commissioner Carlos Leon said that the vote to rename the courthouse was the most important, heartfelt, and proudest vote he

Canutillo ISD returns to in-person instruction Sept. 14

By Liza M. Rodriguez Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO the Canutillo Independent School District (CISD) will return to in-person instruction starting on September 14 in a phasedsafely reopen schools. The El Paso Department of Public stating that the data shows a continuous downward trend in key metrics indicating that regarding the spread of COVID-19 in our community has slowed down. It is now to a level that can be considered as an indicator for the return of inperson instruction on campus,

in a safe and cautious manner. The El Paso area has met 3 guiding metrics that led to the decision to reopen in-person instruction:

- 7-day Rolling Average Cases Per Capita: Less than 25 cases per 100,000;
- Testing Positivity Rate in approach designed to by CDC Week: Less than 7.5%; and
- 14-day Steady Decline in Health has issued a letter the 7-day rolling average of positive cases.

"The recent health data COVID-19 represents good news," CISD Superintendent Dr. Pedro Galaviz said. "The trend indicates that the three W's

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has ever taken and ever will take. "He was a tremendous mentor in my life," Leon said. "Somebody I know I could always count on. When we lost him, I felt lost and I felt like all of a sudden, I was an orphan. To replace him is going to be impossible."

A Mexican immigrant who came to El Paso at a young age, Moreno graduated from Austin High School in 1974. He went on to graduate from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts and law degree.

MorenoreturnedtoElPaso, practiced law for nearly four decades, handling several landmark cases including a 2006 case in which a Texas jury awarded his client, a woman of Iranian descent, million against Southwest Airlines in a racial discrimination issue.

Moreno won several national, state, and local awards throughout his career including several for lawyer of the year. He also served on various community service boards including Project Change, the El Paso Cancer Treatment Center, the United Way of El Paso County, and



Enrique Moreno was born in Chihuahua and moved with his family to El Paso when he was a child. He graduated from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts with a law degree and returned to El Paso to practice as an attorney.

the Hispanic Leadership Institute, as well as sat on the editorial board of El Paso Times Community Advisory Committee.

In 1999, Moreno was nominated by President Bill Clinton as a justice for 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. However, partisan politics under a Republican-majority U.S. Senate kept Moreno from being confirmed.

During the county commissioners' recent meeting, more than 20 individuals including elected officials and well-known members of the legal community spoke in support of renaming the courthouse in honor of Moreno.

"Over 25 years ago when I was president of MABA (Mexican American Bar Association), I gave Enrique the lawyer of the year award, but truth be told, he was the lawyer of the year

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The show

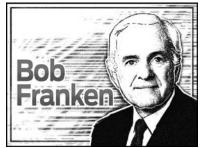
I know, I know. You're really bummed out that the party conventions are over. Either that, or you're so disgusted that you want to "throw all them bums out."

Actually, as thrilling as they were, they were only the lounge act; the main show begins now. And yes, it was a four-year lounge were counted in 2016. Because, American tradition has it that the next presidential campaign begins a few hours after the previous debate Oct. 7 at the University election results are known.

This time around it's been a one-man show. President Donald Trump has held the spotlight more than anyone in history. That's partially on the media, but it's mainly due to Trump's incredible knack of being so goofy, so hateful, so preposterous, that all any of us can do is gasp and react to his latest outrage.

Let's face it, the remaining campaign also will be about the Trumpster. Joe Biden could be the nicest, most capable candidate who has ever run for president – after all, he's done it three times – but he's still "What's his name." This is an up or down poll about him or you hate him.

True, there will be a few high points – or campaign low points, if you prefer – to capture your attention. The three debates name" should be a hoot. The first one is scheduled for Sept. 29 at Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland. But will it observe coronavirus protocol? Will there be masks worn? Assuming they are in the same room, will they hit each other? How effective



will the instant fact checkers be? Can there be two losers? because he something amazingly bigoted, act, beginning when the ballots or Biden if he utters something dumb. They have both had long experience.

> There's a vice presidential of Utah. A reminder that she is the first woman of color to be a major party Veep nominee. He is whiter than white and a Trump apologist, to put it mildly.

Notice, this calendar of events has now gotten into October. That means it's "October Surprise" time. That's a sensational lastminute charge against one candidate that causes a really big turnout by supporters of the other, or discourages the other side so much that it stays home in droves. Maybe it will be video of Joe Biden taking a bribe from a Ukrainian oligarch. Perhaps it will be a recording of Donald Trump actually doing what he Donald Trump. You either love said he did in the "Hollywood Access" tape. (Does the word "grab" refresh your memory?)

Of course, because of COVID, most Americans will have already voted by mail. The truth is, most between Trump and "What's his have already made their minds up. That might be why Trump so opposes mail-in ballots. He might not have the chaos when tallying the results that many worry he's counting on so he can claim the election is rigged and

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Food for thought By John Grimaldi

America's veterans homeless amid COVID crisis

a million Americans are homeless. And, nearly 200,000 of them sleep on sidewalks, empty lots or under bridges most nights, anywhere they can find a modicum of shelter.

And, says the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), too many of them are veterans who risked their lives for us, men and women who have served in conflicts going back as far as World

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) more than 40,000 of America's homeless population are veterans. Meanwhile, the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans says "about 1.4 million other veterans... are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing."

Bob Carlstrom, president of the association's advocacy affiliate, AMAC Action, notes that the Veterans Administration does what it can for homeless veterans, but the COVID-19 pandemic has put a strain on its resources. He says that AMAC has put a priority on efforts to encourage Congress to pass the Homeless Veteran Coronavirus Response Act.

"The bill does not seek to allocate more money. Instead, it is designed to give the VA an okay to for veterans and their families in the face of public reallocate existing funds to aid homeless vets health challenges. We must expand these services during this time of crisis. The good news is that the as soon as possible."

Here's a disarming statistic: more than half measure has bi-partisan support. It was introduced in the Senate by Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and companion legislation was also introduced in the House by Representatives Mike Levin (D-CA) and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)," according to Carlstrom.

> Carlstrom explained that the measure would loosen certain regulations and enable the VA to use existing resources to offer homeless veterans the additional assistance they may need, including transportation, communication devices and services, and basic amenities, like clothing, blankets and hygiene items in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. The law would also allow the VA to work with partner organizations to set up shelters on its properties. Finally, the bill ensures that homeless veterans have access to the VA's telehealth services.

> Meanwhile, the proposed legislation has attracted broad based support. The CEO of the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans, Kathryn Monet, sent a message exhorting lawmakers to support the bill. "The coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the crisis of veteran homelessness that we were already facing, and we must do more to get our nation's heroes off the streets. Our legislation takes commonsense steps to facilitate shelters, transitional housing and other services

Officers killed on the job

There needs to be some better context amid all the inciteful and biased reporting on shootings and shooting deaths by law enforcement officers in this country. No group of people wants to be judged by a bad actor from their group - be it civilian or law enforcement. Visit https:// ucr.fbi.gov/leoka/2019 and choose Officers Feloniously Killed for the information below. The site contains other categories as well as 47 information tables from the years 2010-2019. Gain some understanding of what these men and women of all races face in their line of work by visiting the site. The information below is copied straight from the FBI site listed above.

Overview

- In 2019, 48 law enforcement officers died from injuries incurred in the line of duty during felonious incidents.
- Line-of-duty deaths occurred in 19 states and Puerto Rico.
- By region, 27 officers were feloniously killed in the South, 9 officers in the Midwest, 9 officers in the West, 1 officer in the Northeast, and 2 officers in Puerto Rico.
- Of the officers feloniously killed, 25 were employed by city police departments, including 7 who were members of law enforcement agencies in cities with between 100,000 and 249,999 inhabitants.

Victim profile

- The average age of the officers who were feloniously killed in 2019 was 40 years old.
- The slain officers' average length of law enforcement officers. service was 13 years.
- · Of the officers who died due to felonious incidents in 2019, 45 were male and 3 were female.

• Bv race, 40 of the victim officers were White, 7 were Black/African American, and 1 was Asian.

Circumstances encountered by victim officer upon arrival at the scene of the incident

- 15 officers died as a result of investigative/ enforcementactivities.
- · 6 were conducting traffic violation stops.
- · 4 were performing investigative activities. 2 were interacting with wanted persons.
- 2 were investigating drug-related matters.
- 1 was investigating a suspicious person or
- 9 officers were involved in tactical situations.
- 3 were involved in barricade/hostage situations.
- 3 were serving/attempting to serve search warrants.
- 2 were serving/attempting to serve arrest warrants. 1 was reported in the category titled "other tactical
- situation.
- 5 officers were victims of unprovoked attacks.
- 4 officers responded to crimes in progress.
- 2 were robberies.
- 1 was a larceny-theft.
- 1 was reported in the category titled "other crime against property." • 3 officers were involved in vehicular pursuits.
- · 3 officers were attempting to restrain/control/handcuff offenders during arrest situations
- 3 officers were assisting other law enforcement
- · 2 with vehicular pursuits.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The West Texas County Courier will publish one edition early. The October 8, 2020 issue will go to press on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

All material for this publication must be submitted to the West Texas County Courier no later than Thursday, September 24, 2020.

The West Texas County Courier office will close beginning Wednesday, September 31, 2020. The office will open again on Monday, October 12, 2020.

The Trump GOP isn't all that different

discernibly the Party.

The Republican Convention was obviously very Trumpy. At least one member of worthy of reality TV.

There also are differences of substance. Trump's floor of a Republican convention party has reversed itself on trade in the 1980s, 1990s or 2000s to and jettisoned concern over the Mellon Auditorium would deficit spending. The party is unquestionably have known is a GOP commonplace. The much less hawkish than George W. Bush's GOP and much more

Republican convention on terrorism or the 2012 Republican convention spending.

And yet there is a clear the family had a slot every night, throughline between today's and it featured theatrical touches Republican Party and the GOP of the past several decades. notable Someone transported from the where he or she was.

skeptical of immigration than speech, which by lineage and Reaganism, Katherine Davalos

Donald Trump took over the Ronald Reagan's. It doesn't have inclination should be most Ortega, then treasurer of the Republican Party, but it's still the focus of the 2004 Republican representative of the Trump United States, hit Democratic GOP.

> Sure enough, on trade and National on out-of-control entitlement immigration, Trump Jr. hit of high taxes, big spending and distinctively Trumpian notes. But much of what he said echoed high-profile speakers at past vice president "Beijing Biden" Republican conventions.

> > Trump Jr. argued that "Biden's radical left-wing policies would stop our economic recovery cold," in part by raising taxes.

This contrast with Democrats keynoter at the 1984 convention Take Don Trump Jr.'s forceful during the high tide

nominee Walter Mondale for his long record "based on the idea more government regulations."

Trump Jr. called the former and said he's "weak on China."

Harsh? Yes. But name-calling aside, Republicans have been hitting Democrats as weak for Jr. put it, "this land of promise decades.

president in 1984, George H.W. Bush referred to the "Carter-Mondale era of vacillation, of weakness, of lecturing to our friends and letting them down."

At the 2004 convention, figure."

the past, both parties believed in the goodness of America. We agreed on where we wanted principles on which our nation going away. was founded."

In her famous 1984 foreign



to be resolute, nor ashamed to speak of America as a great nation."

Republicans have promoted national pride and national strength, or as Trump and opportunity - of heroes... In his acceptance speech as vice and greatness." In 2012, Chris Christie ended his keynote speech by declaring, "together, we stand up for American greatness."

This perspective sheds some light on the future of a post-Trump GOP. In the main, it's not Democratic Sen. Zell Miller likely to be radically different scorned John Kerry as "more from the current one. As Michael wrong, more weak and more Barone argued in The Wall Street wobbly than any other national Journal, America's political parties are great institutions Trump Jr. declared that "in that change gradually, while preserving an identifiable DNA.

If the convention again demonstrated Trump's personal to go. We just disagreed about grip on the party, it also showed how to get there. This time, the that the Republican Party as it other party is attacking the very has existed for decades isn't

policy speech, Jeane Kirkpatrick Rich Lowry is editor of the hit a similar note, saying that National Review. (c) 2020 by Democrats once "were not afraid King Features Synd., Inc.

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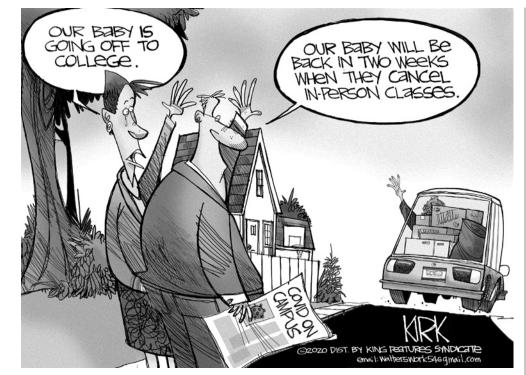
Distance) are working since fewer members of our community are being subjected to the virus. We will be resuming education in physical classrooms, bringing teachers and students together in a safe learning environment."

remote or in-person method of instruction for a 9-week grading period. Parents have the option of changing their child's instruction choice prior will remain an option for the remainder of the subject to change. Parents should visit www. school year.

Safety continues to be a top priority as the and school schedules.

District implements a variety of safety measures. Campuses have staggered start times per grade level and arranged multiple entrance points to foster distancing. Frequently touched surfaces are (Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands and Watch Your continually cleaned and tested for contaminants. Touchless hand sanitizer stations are available district-wide. Regulatory and guidance signs have been placed. Health screening protocols for staff and students have been implemented, including the use of touchless thermometers, Parents were asked to commit to either a limited visitor access, use of face shields for teachers and younger students, and mandatory use of facemasks.

CISD will continue to follow the guidance to the next grading period. Remote learning of local health officials and the plan is canutillo-isd.org for the most recent updates









COVID distress business grants available

Act funding. The award will \$5,000 to \$49,000. help approximately 1,000 small The Economic Response and business Recovery programs include:

facilities, establish cleaning or permanent closure.

EL PASO COUNTY - The and sanitizing stations, and City of El Paso's Economic implement temperature checks and International Development for employees and customers Department has awarded Project when entering businesses. Build Vida \$5,824,375 from CARES Safe grants will range from

• Small Business Relief businesses re-open and/or recover and Recovery - \$2,395,000 from severe economic distress will enable about 450 existing due to the coronavirus pandemic. businesses to restart and continue operations supportive services and grants • Build Safe - \$3,390,000 up to \$5,000. Assistance may will help provide safe distance include operational expenses, w.schlesinger@pvida.net between cashiers and customers debt related to pandemic closures information on Project Vida's or employee work stations, and restrictions, further avoidance economic recovery programs improve or install hand washing of employee layoffs, or temporary and other services.

• **Go Digital!** - \$100,000 will help small businesses and entrepreneurs develop an online presence and access to technologymarkets. Technical assistance and virtual education will familiarize owners with new digital platforms allowing them to create or expand online business.

www.pvida.net/ smallbusinesssupport to apply for or get more information on coronavirus economic recovery programs for small businesses.

Email Bill Schlesinger at

- Joyce Davidoff

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.732031 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of VILLAGE OF

PROPOSED TAX RATE NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE DE MINIMIS RATE

\$0.732031 per \$100 \$0.764369 per \$100 **\$0.732031** per \$100 \$1.126800 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for VILLAGE OF VINTON from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that VILLAGE OF VINTON may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for VILLAGE OF VINTON, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for VILLAGE OF

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that VILLAGE OF VINTON is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM at zoom. us platform at the following URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84231557978. The Village provides twoway communication for members of the public to communicate with Council during the public hearing by calling the following number: 1 346 248 7799 and then dial in the Meeting ID 842 3155 7978 followed by the pound sign (#). The meeting will open at 6:00 PM on August 22, 2020 so that people may start joining. The meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, VILLAGE OF VINTON is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the of VILLAGE OF VINTON at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) /100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

FOR:

Victor Carrejo Sonia Arceo Santos Lucero

Alfredo Lopez Lourdes Cloud

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

Mayor Manuel Leos

ABSENT:

None

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF VINTON last year to the taxes proposed to the be imposed on the average residence homestead by VILLAGE OF VINTON this year.

	2019	2020	Change		
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.752445	\$0.732031	Decrease of -\$0.020414 or -2.71%.		
Average homestead taxable value	\$82,601	\$82,461	Decrease of -0.16%.		
Tax on average homestead	\$622	\$604	Decrease of -\$18 or -2.87%		
Total tax levy on all properties	\$895,654	\$859,884	Decrease of -\$35,770 or -3.99%.		

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for VILLAGE OF VINTON at 915-212-0106 or citytaxoffice@elpasotexas.gov, or visit www.elpasotexas.gov/tax-office for more information.



By Lucie Winborne

- · A tarantula discovered in 2015 near Folsom California, was Prison, given the scientific name "Aphonopelma johnnycashi" after Johnny Cash, in honor of his song "Folsom Prison Blues."
- For that matter, "The Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin had a snail named after him, the "Crikey steveirwini," a rare species of tree snail with a khaki-colored shell discovered in 2009.
- Some 60% of human DNA is identical to that of a banana.
- The maddening but addictive Rubik's Cube was created by accident. ProfessorofarchitectureErno Rubik built a twistable box with colorful rows of labels on each side in an attempt to design blocks that could move without collapsing the entire structure. After rotating a few rows and mixing up the colors, the real challenge began: realigning the hues! It took Rubik about a month to restore his cube to its original condition.
- · "Slaughterhouse-Five" author Kurt Vonnegut was such a big fan of the TV series "Cheers" that he once told reporters he would rather have written scripts for the show than all his bestselling novels.
- Peppermint oil does a better job of promoting hair growth than hair-growth medication.
- · Speaking of hair, following the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, thousands of hairstylists and alpaca farmers donated over 19 warehouses worth of cut locks to absorb it.
- · The tradition of knocking on wood for good luck originated with primitive pagans who tapped on trees to summon the protective spirits residing in them.

Thought for the Day: "There are years that ask questions, and years that answer."

- Zora Neale Hurston

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- On Sept. 7, 1977, President Jimmy Carter signs a treaty that will give Panama control over the Panama Canal beginning in the year 2000. A 1904 agreement had given the U.S. the right to build the canal and a renewable lease.
- On Sept. 8, 1945, U.S. troops land in Korea to begin their postwar occupation of the southern part of that nation, one month after Soviet troops had entered northern Korea to begin their own occupation. The division of Korea quickly became permanent.
- On Sept. 9, 1939, audiences at the Fox Theater in Riverside, California, get a surprise showing of "Gone with the Wind." The film became an instant hit, breaking all box office records. It was nominated for more than a dozen Oscars and won nine.
- On Sept. 10, 1813, in the first unqualified defeat of a British naval squadron in history, U.S. Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry leads a fleet of nine American ships to victory over a squadron of six British warships. After the battle, Perry sent a famous dispatch to U.S. Gen. William Henry Harrison that read, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours."
- On Sept. 11, 1965, the 1st Cavalry Division begins to arrive in South Vietnam, bringing U.S. troop strength to more than 125,000. The unit was the first full U.S. Army division deployed to Vietnam.
- On Sept. 12, 1951, former middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Randy Turpin to win back the belt after losing to Turpin two months prior. Robinson knocked Turpin down with a right to the jaw in the 10th
- On Sept. 13, 1980, country music artist Willie Nelson and his band perform at the White House with President Jimmy Carter in attendance. Later that night, unbeknownst to the president, Nelson allegedly retired to the White House roof to smoke a marijuana cigarette.

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San Elizario ISD Planning and Instruction Department steps up

By Jeannie Meza-Chavez Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO – The San Elizario Independent School District (SEISD) has made numerous adjustments in order to continue to meet the unique finding creative ways to assist us when we educational needs of all students during this pandemic. The challenges have been many. However these same challenges became more manageable when SEISD district personnel became united in order to effectively close out a school year and open the 2020 -2021 school year.

The Planning and Instruction Department is just one example of the great work done when teamwork and solution-oriented individuals join forces to make things happen. Georgina Diaz, an instructional officer, said, "The collaboration of our team through respect, showing kindness, and grace during this difficult time has allowed us to fully support our teachers and students in the virtual classrooms."

Planning and Instruction Department helped our students and teachers move into the 21st century when it came to technology integration. Our instructional officers, Diaz, Debbie Deck, Jamboard, Gimkit and Flipgrid to Cortez, Anna Alvarez, Sandra Rico, and measure evidence of learning. Since the

instructional specialists receive support. Middle School said, "A big shout out to Ms. Diaz and Mrs. Alvarez for always are faced with instructional technology issues. They are continuously sharing their knowledge to help us become even better online teachers.'

The instructional officers done this by focusing on providing professional development on our new online instructional framework that includes tools such as Google Classroom, Google Meets, Kami, and Google Slides to name a few. "With the improvements of learning technologies, platforms, apps, etc., teachers were going to face various challenges toward the implementation of this online teaching; this is where our team came in," said Frescas.

They have ensured that teachers understand the importance of delivering explicit instruction during our remote learning experience. In addition, they have trained teachers in the use of Pear

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every year," El Paso lawyer Joe Spencer said. "He was a lawyer's lawyer. He was an attorney that judges, public officials, and other attorneys would seek out for his counsel and guidance. His intelligence was only matched by his commitment and passion to the underserved."

Spencer claimed that no lawyer has had more humility than Moreno and that no courthouse would have a greater honor than this honorable courthouse carry his name. "A place where if you listen in the courtrooms, you can still hear his auditory skills," he related. "A place where when I am in the courtroom, I can still feel his presence which gives me courage. And if you close your eyes, you can still see him in front of a jury doing what he did best... fighting for justice for his clients," he stated.

205th District Court Judge Francisco Dominguez asserted that the renaming of the courthouse is about more than Moreno's legacy; it is about the impact of the El Paso community on the nation.

"This is not about Enrique," Dominguez told commissioners. "This is not about honoring Enrique. This is about honoring our community, and our community deserves this. And that is what I learned from Enrique. I think that is what every one of us learned from him - that this is not about him because everything he ever did was about supporting others who were supporting our community, who invested in our community, who loved our community, and wanted to make El Paso a better place."

Dominguez added that honoring our community by naming the courthouse – a place of justice – after Moreno was really the ultimate way to pay tribute to this community. "We are recognizing how great we are, the most talented individuals this country has ever seen, and he was one of us," he added.

At the recent court meeting, Moreno's sister Rosa Moreno Elliot expressed her gratitude. "On behalf of the Moreno family, I would like to say thank you and to let you know how honored and humbled we are for you putting this item on your agenda," she stated.

Briefs

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the annual HEED Award – a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion – EPCC will be featured, along with 89 other recipients, in the November 2020 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine. This is the 8th year in a row EPCC has been named a HEED Award recipient. "El Paso Community College is proud of our efforts to always be at the forefront of

diversity and inclusion." Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President said. "The HEED Award validates the college's hard work to champion diversity and equity." "The HEED Award process consists of a comprehensive and rigorous application relating to the recruitment and retention of students and employees," Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine said. "Our standards are high, and we look for institutions where diversity and inclusion are woven into the work being done every day across their campus."

- Ismael De La Rosa

Susana Frescas, have been instrumental the summer, the instructional officers Bitmoji. "I am very proud of the work in ensuring that our teachers and campus have also implemented Tech Tuesdays the Planning and Instruction Department where teachers can attend sessions to continues to do to ensure students Soledad Gonzalez from Garcia-Enriquez learn how to make lessons more engaging success," added Associate Superintendent by using tools such as Google Classroom, Rogelio Segovia.

Coordinator of Instructional Programs start of the school closure and all through STEMScopes, Istation, Screencastify and

Lower Valley Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on September 17, 2020 at zoom.us platform at the following https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86385671755?pwd=NFJid 0UrZWdnZ244R1o3MFRYallSZz09. Members of the public may also communicate with the Board of Directors during the public hearing by calling the following number: 1 346 248 7799; at the prompt enter the following Meeting ID: 863 8567 1755, Passcode: 853617 at 6:00 PM. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: David Estrada, Henry Trujillo,

Rosalinda Vigil, David Carrasco

and Rodrigo Chavez

AGAINST the proposal: NONE **PRESENT** and not voting: **NONE** ABSENT: NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

Last Year This Year Total tax rate (per \$100 value) \$0.153469/\$100 \$0.195033/\$100 **Adopted Proposed** Difference in rates + \$0.041564 per \$100 of value Percentage increase / decrease + 27.08% in rates (+/–) Average appraised value \$ 90,907 \$ 93,482 \$ 0 \$ 0 General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) Average taxable value \$ 90,907 \$ 93,482 Tax on average residence homestead \$ 139.51 \$ 182.32 Annual increase / decrease in taxes if

NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

+ \$ 42.81

+ 30.69%

proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)

and percentage of increase (+/–)

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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Just playing football gets UTEP off on the right track

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

It may have been in front of a sparse 6,047 social-distancing Sun Bowl fans, but just the idea that a college football game was being played was already a victory.

The fact that the UTEP Miners were able to come away with a win, was much-needed good news after months of watching the

Bowl wearing their Miner gear.

Miners would host a major football program in Texas Tech, but scheduling Northern Arizona beat the Miners two

covid-19, forced the Red Raiders to pull with a come-from-behind 36-34 win over for a couple touchdowns in the final two out of their obligation of coming to the Houston Baptist a year ago. Sun Bowl.

So UTEP Senter was forced to scramble to find a handle SFA pretty handily. replacement opponent.

Though the pickings were slim, he found one in Stephen F. Austin, a lower-division team which is still serving probation for committing several NCAA violations.

And though SFA is a grade lower than UTEP, it was still an opponent, which After all this time of wondering whether meant El Pasoans would still get a home there would actually be a football season, football game to go to. And though the there it was, fans trickling into the Sun Lumberjacks are from a smaller division, don't forget that Northern Arizona and This was supposed to be the night the Houston Baptist were also small-division teams.

changes brought on by fears from years ago 30-10, and the Miners escaped But the Miners finally woke up and rallied

So though there were no guarantees, it

home team when the Lumberjacks took the game's first possession and went down the field with ease and scored on minutes into the game.

Things looked even worse when the Lumberjacks scored on a touchdown run early in the second quarter to give them a 14-3 lead.

Throughout the Sun Bowl, a collective "here we go again" feeling seemed to make its way around the stadium as if the crowd were doing the wave.

minutes of the second quarter.

On the second touchdown, former Athletics Director Jim was still thought that the Miners would Parkland Matadors star Deion Hankins scored on a 10-yard run 20 seconds before But things didn't look very good for the halftime to give the Miners their first lead of the season 17-14.

Then there was halftime, well, sort of.

There was no halftime show, no a touchdown pass to go up 7-0 just three cheerleaders on the sidelines and no Paydirt Pete to be found anywhere. It was just 20 minutes of nothing on the field for obvious reasons.

> The band and the cheerleaders stayed in their seats all game long, all sitting at least six feet apart. Things were very different. It was a college football game without all the college football game atmosphere.

But it was still football.

So back to the game on the field.

The score stayed that way throughout the second half until Hankins powered it in from four yards out with 3:51 to go in the ballgame to give the Miners a 24-14 lead.

And that's how the game ended.

The delighted small crowd watched a star emerge. Hankins finished the game with 113 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

The victory last Saturday ended an 11game losing streak and it was only UTEP's third win in its last 37 games.

And yes, it was against a team they were supposed to beat, and maybe should have beaten by a larger margin.

But a win is a win, and in UTEP's case lately, a win is a once-in-a-season event, so fans will relish it.

In this surreal year of 2020, we all have to take any victory any way we can get it.

The win for the Miners wasn't so much a 10-point victory over Stephen F. Austin; it was the fact that they were able to play Stephen F. Austin.

The Big 10 and Pac-12 conferences aren't even playing football.

The Miners may get thrashed when they take on the Texas Longhorns this Saturday in Austin, but they've already won.

They're playing football, and who could have predicted that a few months ago?

Killed

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- · 1 with foot pursuit.
- 3 officers responded to disorders/ disturbances.
- were responding to disturbances (disorderly subjects, fights, etc.).
- 1 was responding to a domestic violence situation.
- 2 officers were ambushed (entrapment/ premeditation).
- 1 officer was serving/attempting to serve a court order (eviction notice, subpoena, etc.).

Assignments

- 30 officers were on assigned vehicle patrol when the felonious incidents occurred.
- 4 officers were on special assignments.
- · 3 officers were assigned to investigative/ detective duties.
- · 3 officers were on tactical assignments (uniformed).
- · 1 officer was reported to be working in the category titled "other assignment."
- in official capacities) at the time of the
- · 26 on-duty officers who died in 2019 were assisted at the times of the attacks.
- 17 on-duty officers were alone and unassisted at the times of the attacks.

- Of the 48 officers feloniously killed in 2019, most (44) were killed with firearms. Of these, 34 were killed with handguns.
- 10 officers fired their weapons; 6 officers
- attempted to fire their weapons. · No officers' weapons were stolen during
- the incidents. 14 officers were slain with firearms when they were less than 5 feet from the offenders.

Body armor

In 2019, 30 of the officers feloniously killed were wearing body armor at the time of the incidents. Of these officers, 29 were killed with firearms and incurred the following wounds:

- 8 were shot in the front upper torso/chest.
- · 6 suffered wounds to the front of the head.
- · 3 were wounded in the side of the head.
- · 2 were shot in the neck/throat.
- · 2 were shot in the rear of the head.
- 2 were shot in the front lower torso/ abdomen.
- 2 were shot in the shoulder (upper torso)
- 2 were shot in the rear lower torso/back.
- 1 was shot in the rear upper torso/back.
- 1 was shot in the front below the waist/

Months, days, and times of incidents

- · More officers (8) died from felonious assaults that occurred in December than in any other month in 2019.
- · More officers (15) were involved in fatal

assaults that occurred on Saturdays than on any other days of the week.

- 34 officers were fatally injured in assaults that happened between 12:01 p.m. and
- · 13 officers were fatally injured in assaults that happened between 12:01 a.m. and
- The time of the assault was not reported for 1 of the officers.

Profile of alleged known assailants

- In 2019, 49 alleged offenders were identified in connection with the 48 law enforcement officers feloniously killed. Of those offenders, the following characteristics are known:
- · The average age of the alleged offenders was 31 years old.
- The average height was 5 feet 10 inches tall. and the average weight was 181 pounds.
- · 48 alleged offenders were male; 1 was
- · 28 of the alleged offenders were White, 15 were Black/African American, and 1 was Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. Race was not reported for 5 of the alleged offenders
- · 12 of the alleged offenders were under judicial supervision at the time of the
- · 9 of the alleged offenders were under the influence of alcohol and/or a controlled substance at the time of the fatal incidents.
- 36 of the alleged offenders had prior criminal arrests.

- Rick Shrum

· 2 officers were working undercover.

5 slain officers were off duty (but acting

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124 Product for

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Weapons

Super Crossword

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- 21 Opera pa 22 Scrams 23 Spicy stew that's so thick it takes more than two people to stir
- 25 Commits in confidence 26 Mon. follower 27 With 75-Down. light-colored pub drinks
- 28 Sticky sealer 30 Very mad 31 Create the wax figure of the Police's frontman?
- 38 "_ be an honor" 39 Dinero dispenser 40 Glass plate 41 Cause of a stuffy
- 46 Speed at which a Roman emperor walks? 53 Diner dispenser
- 54 Bucolic 57 Many '90s music sales 58 Auditoriums

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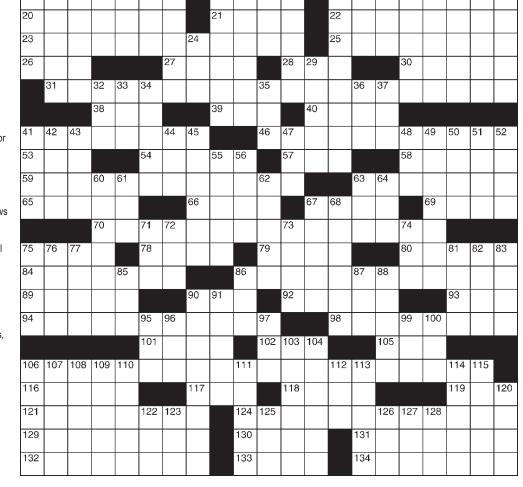
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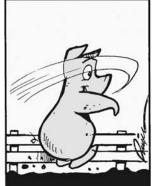




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TIGER By Bud Blake



















CryptoQuip Answer

If you liked to wear gold tiaras, I guess people would refer to you as "karat top."

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Husband makes frequent nighttime bathroom visits

DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband, 79 years old, is getting up five or six times at night to urinate. The urgent care doctor said he

doesn't have an infection but doesn't know what's going on. He is taking Flomax, but that doesn't seem to be helping. Who should he see? -E.L.O.

Urinating at nighttime ("nocturia") is a common problem for men, but if this is a new or suddenly worsened problem, it requires evaluation.

The first question is whether



he is urinating a lot or a little. A male bladder typically holds about 500 cc (almost a quart), so if his bladder were full every time, he might be making as much as 2.5 liters a night. Nighttime urination is considered high-volume when it constitutes a third or more of total urine output for 24 hours.

High-volume nocturia can happen when there is too much of something to get rid of: sugar, in people with mellitus ("sugar diabetes"); salt, in people who eat too much salt at dinner; water, in people who drink a whole lot of water, especially at night; and occasionally in people with congestive heart failure. In heart failure, there is not enough blood flow to the kidneys during the day, so when the person is at rest, the kidneys have enough blood flow to get rid of the fluid that has accumulated during the day (often in the legs and feet).

Another cause of high-volume nocturia is diabetes insipidus, a problem with either the kidney or the control center in the brain, causing the kidney to excrete too much water. That control center uses a hormone called anti-diuretic hormone to regulate water excretion. Normally, it is high at night, so there is less urine output at night. Sometimes this normal variation is reversed, leading to excess urine output at night, even without diabetes insipidus.

High-volume nocturia is most commonly evaluated by doctors in internal medicine, including kidney and heart specialists.

Low-volume nocturia is caused by a problem with the bladder or, in men, the prostate. Urologists are the experts in figuring out where the problem is and the best course of treatment. Many men get treated for prostate problems when the real issue is an overactive bladder.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My blood pressure drug, losartan, was recalled because of contamination issues with NDEA and NDMA; one is used to make liquid rocket fuel and the other is a byproduct in the manufacture of pesticides. How does this happen? Does the drug company share manufacturing facilities with companies that *make these other products? – EG*

I read some speculation by chemists on how the contamination could have happened, and it seems to me that one company made a new process for making losartan (and the related drugs irbesartan and valsartan) that, although cheaper and more efficient, allowed contaminants to form unrecognized. Although not recognized until 2018, it could have been happening since 2012. Other companies changed their manufacturing as well, unaware of these toxic impurities.

This is a real problem, not so much because of this current recall (where the contamination levels are very low), but because it shows the industry lacks enough oversight to quickly identify contamination in generic pharmaceuticals coming from multiple countries.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. (c) 2020 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved.

Franken

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not accept the results.

Then we will really have drama. Will the military support his attempted coup? Maybe the 2024 campaign will not begin (c) there won't be a 2024 election. Syndicate, Inc.

Donald Trump will declare himself leader for life. Farfetched? There are those who don't think so. Besides, what would we do in this country for entertainment without politics?

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore

Sept. 5, 1876: Francis Allen's birthday. She was the first woman to graduate Medical School AND likely suffered through many stereotypical situations.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals T

PL RWA OPTYZ CW IYJB DWOZ CPJBJK, P DAYKK HYWHOY IWAOZ BYLYB CW

RWA JK "TJBJC CWH."

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

Answer Page 4

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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Caught in the act

by Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans General has been extremely busy. What's astonishing is the criminals who actually think they're going to get away with their crimes.

in court in front of a judge, that he had been awarded 87 guns from a store and then guns. Among other things, he medication. claimed Iraq service and said he got the medals for saving agencies cooperated, leaving another soldier. He showed photos of his (fake) Purple in the killer, conducting Heart certificates. Nobody was 350 interviews, serving 60 fooled.

who defrauded cemetery unanswered services customers out of a such as why wasn't the half million dollars by taking insulin locked up to keep the payments and using unauthorized people

them for personal gain and of it? Why didn't anyone gambling.

Let's not forget the fool on for over a year? But the who shot up the inside of a VA biggest question might never hospital with a gun he had tucked be answered: Why? Why on in his wheelchair. He won't see earth did she do this? daylight for a long time.

Sometimes, though, the OIG Affairs Office of the Inspector handles emotionally tough cases, like the VA hospital nursing assistant that murdered seven hospitalized veterans and was planning to kill an eighth by injecting them all with lethal A gun store thief claimed, doses of insulin. In one case medical staff discovered the patient's blood sugar level two Purple Hearts. He was and were able to revive him... trying to get a lower sentence until the nursing assistant on a couple of other firearms came back and injected him offenses, including stealing again, killing him. Nursing assistants are not allowed being a felon in possession of (or trained to) administer

Multiple law enforcement no stone unturned to rein subpoenas and so much Then there was the idiot more. Still, there are many questions,

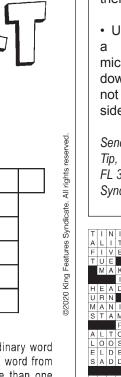
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- · Check bagged frozen vegetables with squeeze test: If it is hard and solid, it has thawed and refrozen, so you should choose another bag.
- "My family drink sodas from the plastic bottles. At the beginning of storm season, I fill a dozen or so about threequarters full and put them in the freezer. They are good in coolers and such, but mostly they fill space, making the freezer not have to work so hard. And if we lose power, they help to keep frozen foods frozen longer." - T.R. in Georgia
- "My family has always used mayonnaise as a salve on minor burns. I heard you can use toothpaste, too." -Sam P. via e-mail
- "I love to put photos of family on the fridge. I found that the photos were getting ruined from grease and moisture in the air. To get around that I cleaned and laminated them. Afterward, I hot-glued little magnets to the backs, and now I can move them around to accommodate new photos. There are so many, and it gives me pleasure to look at them." - C.R. in Oklahoma.
- Use a paper plate as a splatter guard in the microwave. It will not sag down into your food, and will not get dragged off to the side by any rotation.

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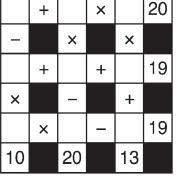


by Linda Thistle GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

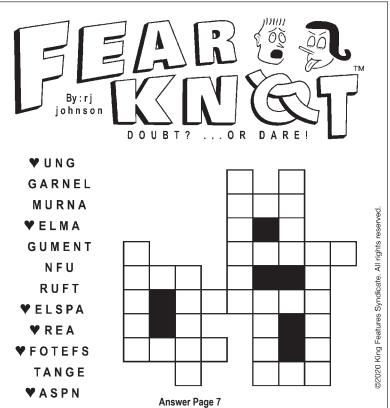
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* Moderate * ★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE! Answer Page 7



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.